

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Mockel et al.

Group Art Unit: 1652

Appln. No.: 09/935,757

Examiner: K. Kerr

Filed: August 24, 2001

Title: Sequences which code for the sigE gene



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the examiner, dated June 4, 2003, wherein the examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- Group I** Claims 1-8 and 17 directed to polynucleotides coding for the sigE gene, vectors and host cells thereof;
- Group II** Claims 9-16 and 18 directed to methods of making L-amino acids; and
- Group III** Claim 19-20, directed to methods for isolating nucleic acids related to cstA gene.

The applicants elect the claims of Group II (claims 9-16 and 18), without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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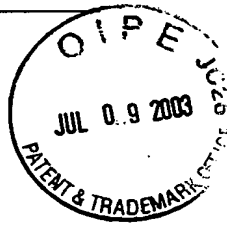
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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: July 9, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim		For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
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2. Total Effective Claims				**minus	0	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims				***minus	0	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
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6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached				(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =				115/215
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				(4 mos)	\$1,450/\$725 =				118/218
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9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee						+ \$110/\$55		+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),				add		+ \$180		+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request				add		+ \$180			126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)						+ \$750/370		+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)						x \$750/375 ea		+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)						+ \$750/375		+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for								+ \$0	
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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